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PATENT

In re Application of:

N. Sandor Racz

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For: CATHETER CONNECTOR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 1999. A reply to outstanding Office Action is due without a fee on December 30, 1999. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

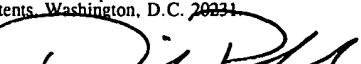
Please cancel claims 1, 9, and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

2. (Amended) The lock washer of claim [1] ⁴, wherein each of said tube engagement flanges is resilient.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence along with any attachments referred to or identified as being attached or enclosed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)) on the date of deposit shown below with sufficient postage and in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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